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Warwick Arson Fires

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan announced that as a result of multi-year and multi-agency investigation, Sharon L. Matthews, age 43, of Warwick has been charged in connection with two residential house fires and two woods and brush fires in Warwick, Massachusetts. Matthews is a firefighter who just resigned in the Town of Warwick and her husband is the fire chief.

The fire was jointly investigated by the Warwick Police Department, State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Brattleboro, VT Fire Department, Vermont State Police Fire Investigation Unit, and the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office.

Charges were filed in Orange District Court on Friday, March 10, 2006 against Ms. Matthews for residential fires at 25 Quarry Road, Warwick on October 14, 2005 and 4 Rockwood Road on November 5, 2005 and for woods and brush fires off Paul Road on April 3, 2004 and a off Orange Road on April 19, 2005.

She will be arraigned in Orange District Court on Monday March 13, 2006.

Both the Vermont and the New Hampshire authorities are investigating fires within their jurisdiction.